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## CHARACTERS



# RIKOS (III)

A young girl from a different island.
Transformed by the Empire into an aparoia, a soldier without emotions.
Chakuro and his friends that begun to open her heart.



# CHAKURÖ

The young archivist of the Mud Whale. Afflicited with a rare condition known as hypergraphia which compels him to write.



#### Suou

The heir to the position of chief on the Mud Whale. Deeply trusted by Chakuro and his friends.



### OUNI

A powerful Saimia user of the Mud Whale. Leader of the troublesome gang know as the Body Moles.



TAISHA Chief of the Mud Whale A figurehead. Died during the apatoia attack.



Council of Elders, Speaks Mkindly to Rikos



Chakuro's ch Died during the aparoia attack

SAIMIA





泥クジラ"と砂の海の記録 ~tales of the whale calves~



Hear 93 of the Sand Gxile. The large island this known as the Mud Whale drifts along on endless sea of sand. Roughly 500 people reside on the Mud Whole, yet none of them know a thing about the larger world. those who can use the special power known as Saimia are called Marked. Those who do not possess such powers are called Unmarked. Most Marked die before their 30th year of life.

One day, the archivist Chakuro visits another floating island and meets the young airl Pikos It was his first time meeting someone from the outside world. Crafted to be an emotionless soldier known as an apatola. Pikos treats him and his companions as coldly as a manneavin.

After Chakuro and friends begin to open her heart. Bikos tried to urge the Council of Glders, the governing body of the Mud Whale, to flee as quickly as they could.

Yet at that very moment, the Mud Whale came under attack from an unknown army This paradise floating over endless sand has been transformed into a battlefield. Friend after friend perished in the initial strike.

Chakuro is in the arips of despair. After all, to him, "This island was our whole world."

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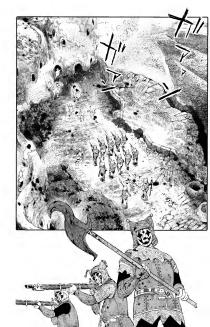
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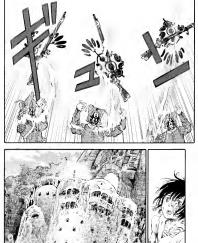
























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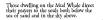
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Through the the sand burial, the souls of the departed are said to melt into the sea of sand and then linger around the Mud Whale, protecting its inhabitants.

Their souls persist in the surrounding sand while grain by grain ascending to heaven.

Having ascended, these souls form a sky-colored membrane that prevents the sun and the stars from crashing down. It is said their tears fall to carth as rain. Though rainy weather is viewed as a fortuitous omen, since rainfall means that the souls above are suffering, praying for rain is taboo.







The inhabitants of the Mud Whale are instructed in matters of faith and dogma from an early age.

Other matters pertaining to the functions of the Mud Whale, world history and so forth are taught in classes offered by members of the Council of Elders



Since most adults die prematurely, childrearing and education duties are collaborative efforts. and caucation duties are conjustrative efforts. Section leaders are chosen in the areas of hunting, farming, the use of saimia, and so forth and instruct young children in those fields Should their skill level prove high enough, a child can become a section leader of saimia use as early as 12 years old.

